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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:	09/287,673
Filing Date:	April 7, 1999
First Named Inventor:	Richard Ferencz
Group Art Unit:	1771
Examiner Name:	N. Torres Velazquez
Attorney Docket No.	PGI6044P0001US

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
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Total Claims	12	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$
Indep. Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$	x \$84.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$140.00	\$	+ \$280.00	\$
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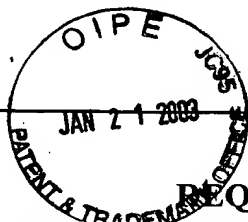
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